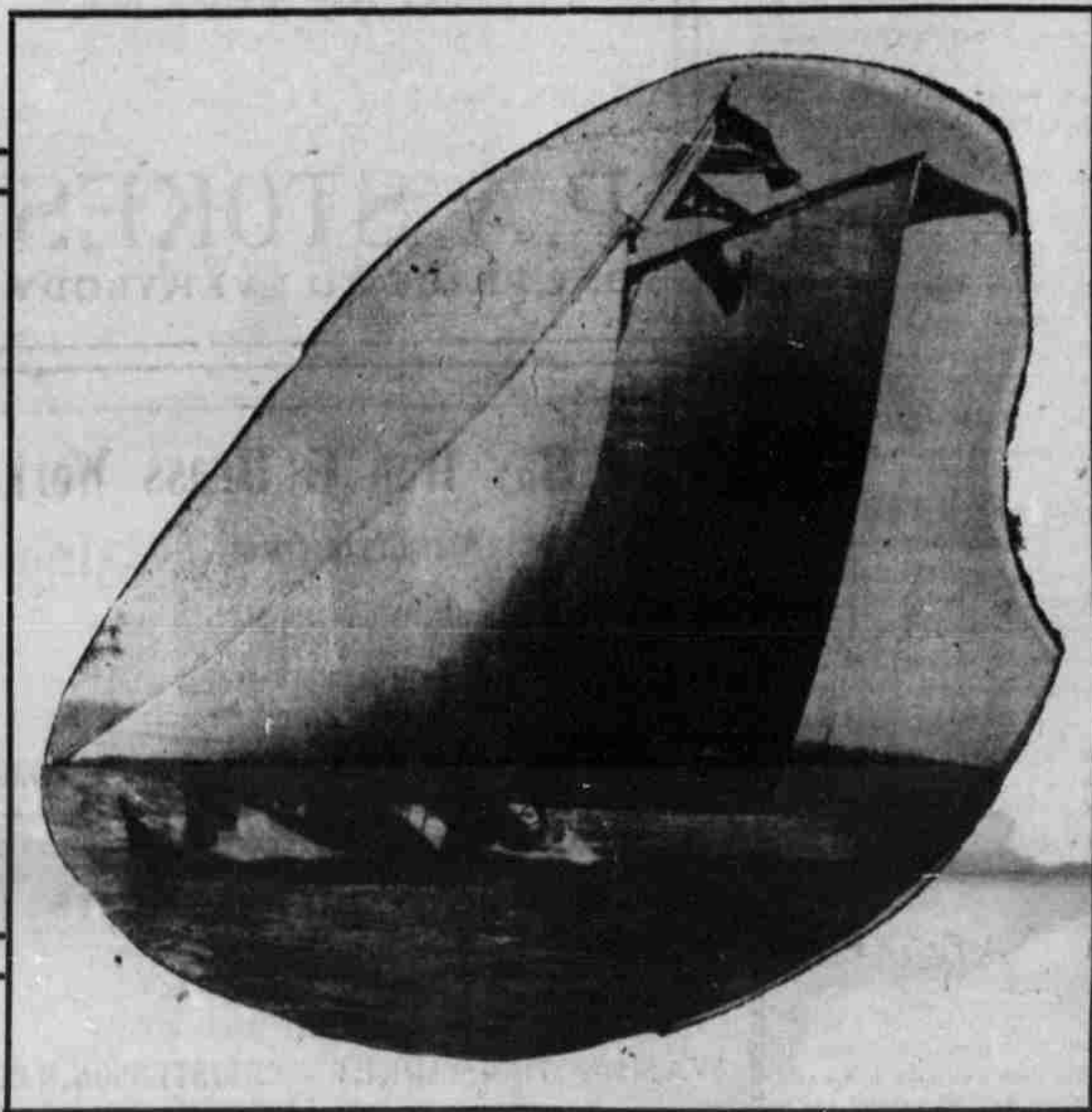


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Pay Them the Money De-
manded in Letter.

New York, Aug. 12.—Giuseppe Masaro, 32 years old, and his brother Filippo, aged 23, both tailors, with a shop in East Third street, have been locked up at police headquarters on a charge of extortion. They are accused by Ruggiero Nicossia, a barber, of sending him two letters signed "Black Hand," demanding \$4000 or the lives of himself and three children. Nicossia turned the letters over to the police and a trap was laid. Nicossia paid \$125 to Giuseppe Masaro, one of the alleged representatives of the society, and the police claim to have captured him in the act of receiving the money, which was marked. Filippo was arrested at his home later. The brothers are Sicilians and have been less than a year in this country. Both deny membership in the Black Hand society and alleged extortion.

"RED DEVILS" VICTORIOUS.

Chicago City Ordinance Beaten by Four
Hundred Local Automobilists.

Chicago, Aug. 12.—Four hundred automobilists have won freedom from arrest for failure to comply with the new ordinance requiring drivers of motor cars to secure a license from the city to place numbers on the machines used and to pay the fees provided.

The victory was won by the Chicago Automobile Club, when Judge Hancey granted a temporary injunction against the city. The order went into effect immediately and the writs were served at once. Each member of the club was named in the petition signed by John Farron, the president, as their agent. The writ enjoins the "city of Chicago and its board of police Chicago and its board of automobile registry and all agents, employees, attorneys and policemen from arresting, prosecuting, suing or in any manner interfering with, annoying or molesting the complainants for failing to comply with the ordinance."

It is contended that the ordinance, introduced on June 27, is unconstitutional, and it is asked that the writ be made permanent. Particular objection is taken to those sections requiring applicants for licenses to have free use of both arms, good eyesight, good hearing, to be free from heart disease and not addicted to the excessive use of alcoholic liquors.

DECLINE OF CHAMBERLAIN.

British Statesman Not Now So Much
in the Public Eye.

London, Aug. 12.—Englishmen who have been away for a few months express amazement on their return at the smaller place Joseph Chamberlain holds in the public eye. A year ago he was the dominating figure in England, and almost in Europe. Today Europe has almost forgotten him and in England he is regarded as hopelessly sidetracked from the big current of affairs.

His coming out for protection made a tremendous sensation, but, though he captured the conservative party machinery, he could not get the voters. There was no real sentiment in favor of a change. Then at the critical moment Chamberlain's health broke down. Without a single lieutenant of first class ability his campaign went to pieces. Since his return from Egypt he has been unsuccessfully trying to mend the breaks. But in recent bye-elections the conservative candidates would have none of him. Chertsey division was fought on the issue of Chinese labor in South Africa and hardly a word was said about tariff.

At last, in the Oswestry division, Chamberlain got the conservative candidate to stand fair and square for protection. All the circumstances were in his favor. The normal conservative majority was a thousand, and the majority of the voters were country squires and farmers, who are natural Tories and whose opinions change slowly. Only a few times in recent years did the liberals take the trouble to contest this division at all. They regarded it as hopeless. Even in the present canvass the voters did not dare to gather around the carts of the liberal speakers until after dark, for fear they would be seen and arouse the anger of

the squires. Small farmers were afraid to lend carriages to the liberal candidate for the same reason. But despite all the pressure that could be brought to bear for Chamberlain and protection, the district went Liberal by a majority of 265.

Chamberlain is now 68 years old, in failing health, and it looks as if the tide could scarcely turn in his favor in his lifetime.

Narrow Escape of Gun Crew.

It has just leaked out that the British battleship *Swiftsure* a few days ago barely escaped a similar accident to the one on the United States battleship *Missouri* at Pensacola. While practicing with a 10-inch gun some twelve seconds after a fresh charge had been rammed home a large volume of "black-flame" was observed to issue from the gun. For a moment the gun crew awaited an explosion, but by some miracle it was averted.

Now it is hoped to reduce this danger by following the practice of the French navy of first ramming home the projectiles and then using the hose to wash out the chamber of the gun, instead of washing out before the shot is rammed home, as is the practice at present. It is obvious that with the vent sealed by a projectile plugging the breach end of the bore, and with the extra pause before the charges are exposed in the rear, while the hose is in play, all the flame will have escaped and all of the burning residue will have been washed clear of the gun before the charges are exposed to the danger of ignition from either of these causes.

JUNEAU GOLD BELT, ALASKA

Examinations of the known gold prospects in the belt tributary to Juneau, Alaska, indicate that they are of sufficient promise to warrant all the work now in progress and the expenditure of still more capital in development work. Such is the conclusion of Mr. Arthur C. Spencer of the United States geological survey, who with Mr. Charles W. Wright, spent the summer of 1903 making a detailed study of the geology and mineral resources of a limited area including the Alaska-Treadwell and associated mines near Juneau. Mr. Spencer has written a short paper on the geology of the Juneau gold belt, Alaska, which is published by the survey in bulletin 225, entitled "Contributions to Economic Geology, 1903."

The Juneau gold belt resembles the gold belt of California in several ways. The various rocks that occur in this part of southeastern Alaska are similar in character and partly equivalent in age to those forming the country rock of the Mother Lode district, and there is also a definite linear distribution of some of the gold-bearing veins parallel with the general strike of the bed rock formations. As in the California gold belt, however, there are many independent deposits lying outside the main complex of lodes.

Prospecting has been in progress in different parts of this belt since 1876, but the main incentive to vigorous exploration came with the discovery of the Gold Creek placer and the founding of Juneau in 1880. The first mine to be put upon a productive basis was the Alaska-Treadwell, on Douglas island, about two miles southwest of Juneau. This property was opened in 1881, and it continued to grow in importance for several years, so that by 1889 it had reached practically its present rating as one of the great mines of the world. The discovery of the Klondike, however, in 1896, gave a great impetus to pros-

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pecting in the interior of British Columbia and Alaska and caused the mineral region tributary to Juneau to be temporarily abandoned as a field for investment. It may be said that only now, after seven years, has the district regained the position which it appears to have held in 1896.

Several circumstances would now seem to indicate a growing interest in the Juneau gold belt. A large number of properties have recently changed hands, a number of well-known engineers have been making examinations in the field with a view to acquiring property for their clients, and there appears to be a steady demand for experienced miners. It is estimated that 1440 miners and laborers are now engaged in this region. About 30 per cent of them were doing development work during 1903, and indications are that the exploration of properties recently purchased by outside parties will soon materially increase the proportion of men engaged in work not immediately productive.

In 1903 there were seven productive mines in the district in addition to the placers of Porcupine and adjacent creeks. These were the Alaska-Treadwell, Alaska-Mexican, and Ready Bullion, on Douglas island; the Silver Sundum Chief, 60 miles to the south, now worked out and abandoned; and the Alaska-Juneau and Ebner mines, in Gold Creek, both of which will soon be opened up on a large scale. The product of these mines for the year is estimated at \$2,400,000, while the total output of the belt to the end of 1903 has been more than \$20,000,000.

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SCROFULA



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